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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
SEOUL BUREAU



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

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I. GENERAL

A. The South Korean elections are shifting into high gear with voters scheduled to go to the polls on 16 December. At month's end, three out of the four major candidates appeared virtually neck-and-neck with no single candidate having a clear lead. Unless something dramatic happens, the eventual winner will be elected by a plurality, something which would not particularly clarify the situation. No matter who wins, however, it seems clear Seoul Bureau can expect to devote increasing coverage to South Korean affairs even after the elections.

B. The Bureau had 156 applicants for the vacancy resulting from the resignation of a Korean monitor. A number have been tested and interviewed and several promising candidates identified.

C. The Won went below the psychological barrier of 800 Won to the dollar during the month, closing out at 797 Won. The dollar has lost 8 percent against the Won so far this year, and all analysts are predicting the Won will continue to strengthen against the dollar in 1988.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Okinawa Bureau Japanese/Korean monitor [] began a TDYSTAT the Bureau on 3 November. Okinawa agreed to lend [] to help out during the South Korean election campaign. With [] arrival the Bureau resumed coverage of the Moscow and Beijing broadcasts in Korean which Okinawa had taken on in early October.

2. The official South Korean election campaign began on 16 November with the official announcement that the election would be held on 16 December. As a prelude, Seoul television stations broadcast the

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four leading candidates' panel discussions at the senior South Korean journalists' club, recorded earlier in the month, on 14 and 15 November. Out of a total of 10 hours of programming the Bureau filed 40 takes of excerpts within a matter of a few days. In addition to the videotapes of the panel discussions sent to MOD, separate copies were supplied to the Embassy Political Section for forwarding to the State Department.

3. The South Korean candidates and the media have made television coverage of the campaign a key issue, indicating its importance in the election. Consequently the Bureau has increased its production from television sources, with over 40,000 words processed during the month.

4. In North-South developments, a new proposal on reunification offered by the North's Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland and their Democratic Front for the Reunification of the Fatherland on 11 November appeared to lessen the emphasis on the North's demand for co-hosting the Olympics, shifting focus to a call for a joint team for the games. Otherwise, tension remained in North-South relations with a shooting incident in the DMZ on 21 November, with each side laying blame on the other for provoking it, and some officials in the South blaming the North for the 29 November crash of a Korean Air jetliner on the border between Burma and Thailand.

5. The Bureau confirmed on the 24th that the North's clandestine Voice of National Salvation had begun using two new frequencies. Reception on the new frequencies is slightly better than that available for the last four or five months on its regular frequencies.

B. Lateral Services

1. The special adviser to General Menetrey, the Commander in Chief/Korea, complimented the Bureau on a 29 November editorial processed from CHOSON ILBO on the South Korean defense minister's remarks to senior generals on the presidential elections. The item had been passed directly to the general.

2. As a result of a Headquarters request on behalf of a consumer, the Bureau began filing a daily FYI giving the Seoul Stock Exchange composite price index to include the number of shares traded. The arrangement is to last through the end of the year.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Deputy Director of FBIS [] presented a Special Achievement Award along with a check to senior teletypist [] at a STAT gathering on 5 November while on a visit to the Bureau. STAT

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2. [] also presented length of service pins at the same gathering to the following: [] 20 years; [] 15 years; and [] 10 years. STAT
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IV. VISITS

A. GE contractor [] 31 Oct-5 November to the Bureau for international direct dial modem testing. STAT

B. FBIS Deputy Director [] and Operations Group Chief [] 3-6 November on a management visit. STAT
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C. [] BBC Monitoring Service editor, 25 November for Bureau tour and familiarization at the end of language study in Seoul. STAT

[] STAT
Chief, Seoul Bureau

Attachment:
Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Okinawa Bureau
Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

Seoul Bureau Production Report for November 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	670000
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	155850
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1705

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	13685.00 min.	5510.00 min.	127.69 issues

III. OUTPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA		
Beijing International Service in Korean	3190	
Beijing City Service in Mandarin	200	
Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in Mandarin	7560	
Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	8980	
Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in Mandarin	6790	
Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in Mandarin	10990	
Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in Mandarin	3960	
Shijiazhuang Hebei Provincial Service in Mandarin	5980	
Tianjin City Service in Mandarin	3740	
Beijing BEIJING RIBAO in Chinese		7070
Changchun JILIN RIBAO in Chinese		1000
Harbin HEILONGJIANG RIBAO in Chinese		900
Jinan DAZHONG RIBAO in Chinese		5300
Shenyang DONGBEI JINGJI BAO in Chinese		5050
Shenyang LIAONING RIBAO in Chinese		1750
Shijiazhuang HEBEI RIBAO in Chinese		20880
Tianjin TIANJIN RIBAO in Chinese		7620

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Voice of National Salvation in Korean to South Korea	17380		
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	95240		
Pyongyang Television Service in Korean	500		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		132420	
Pyongyang KULLOJA in Korean			0
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	4080		
Seoul Television Service in Korean	40860		
Seoul YONHAP in English		35750	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			20910
Seoul CHUANGANG ILBO in Korean			2560
Seoul Editorial Report on ROK Media Korean			600
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			0
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			1000
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			1700
Seoul SINTONG-A in Korean			0
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			80270
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			113020
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			20200
Seoul WOLGAN CHOSON in Korean			900
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow International Service in Korean			1650